

Shri Bhaga van's Exhortation—

SHRI BHAGAVAN said:

49. Whence hath this dejection
befallen thee in this
perilous strait, ignoble, Svarga-closing,
infamous, O Arjuna ?
—{ii. 2.)

50. Yield not to impotence, O Partha I
it doth not befit
thee. Shake off this paltry faint-
heartedness! Stand up,
Parantapa !—(ii. 3.)

ARJUNA said:

51. How, Madhusudana, shall I attack
with arrows in
battle Bhishma and Drona, worthy of
reverence, O slayer
of foes!—(ii. 4.)

52. Better to eat in this world even
the beggar's crust
than to slay these Gurus, high-
minded. Slaying these
Gurus, well-wishers, I should taste of
blood-besprinkled
feasts.—(ii. 5.)

53. Nor know I which for us would be
the better, that
we conquer them or they conquer us—
these, whom having
slain, we should not care to live, even
these arrayed against
us, the sons of Dhritarashtra.—(ii. 6.)

SANJAYA said:

54. Gudakesha, conquerer of his
foes, having thus-
addressed Hrishikesha, and said to
Govinda, " I will not
fight! " became silent.—(ii. 9.)

55. Then Hrishikesha, tenderly
smiling, O Bharata, in
the midst of the two armies to him,
despondent, spake
these words:—(ii. 30.)

SHRI BHAGAVAN said:

56. Thou grievest for those that
should not be grieved
for, yet speakest words of wisdom. The
wise grieve neither
for the living nor for the dead.--(ii. 11.)

57. This dweller in the body of every
one is ever invul-
nerable, O Bharata; therefore thou
shouldst not grieve
for any creature.—(ii. 30.)